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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 November 2010.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 15-17, 19-24, 33 and 34 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 15-17, 19-24, 33 and 34 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 11-17-10 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant argues the anterior surface of the lens at the boundary in Paul includes a step. Examiner disagrees. Even further, Applicant argues LAguette fails to teach this feature since the membrane is not serving as "arm-shaped support members". Initially, Examiner notes Laguette is not part of the rejection but rather provided as reference for future amendments requiring a smooth transition on the anterior region of the lens if claimed. Examiner maintains Laguette remains pertinent for this reason.

Furthermore, Examiner maintains the claimed boundary on the anterior surface of the lens is readable on the smoothly contoured section of the optical lens in Paul et al. Figure 19 since it is between the support portion (haptic) and optic portion (central optic region).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 15-17, 19-24, 33, and 34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Paul et al. USPN 6468306 in view of JP 09-276303 ("Hoya", with reference to translation as provided in IDS).

Paul et al. disclose multiple edge configurations for intraocular lens in figures 4-20. Example dimensions are given in Tables I and II at column 8. The lens and haptics may be integrally molded into a single piece (col. 14 lines 10-21) and may be formed from hard PMMA or soft acrylics (col. 5 lines 41-67). The edges shown provide stepped faces as broadly claimed comprising a sudden shift, wall face nearly parallel to the optical axis, a step height of 0.05 mm or more (see Figure 4 and t1 in Tables I-II), a surface which is substantially orthogonal to the optical axis, a posterior portion near the edge part rising toward the edge part in a posterior direction, and portions having acute and obtuse angled or curved portions. Figure 19 show a concavo-convex face into which the stepped face is formed which also meets claim 33.

With further respect to claim 15 ("no step on the anterior surface of the lens in the boundary"), the step in Paul is not due to the axial arrangement of the haptic-optic junction. The steps are present on a single face of the optic (see Figure 19, for example) and the claimed boundary is not limited to a single plane between the haptic and optic. Furthermore, the outer periphery (a bottom section of Figure 19 which would essentially include an annular ring) is readable on the claimed "boundary" which includes a step only on one side.

Paul is silent at to the haptics being formed of harder PMMA and the lens formed of softer acrylics. Hoya teach intraocular lens forming techniques wherein PMMA haptics and acrylic lenses may be integrally formed in order to securely mold a lens having multiple mechanical properties. See paragraphs 22, 29, and figure 1. Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention

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to include PMMA haptics and acrylic lens to the lens disclosed in Paul et al. since such a combination is well known in the art as taught by Hoya in order to provide multiple mechanical properties to a unitary lens.

Regarding claim 34, Paul et al. is silent as to the exact steps taken to manufacture the lens but does describe at column 14 lines 10-21 that known techniques of molding and cutting may be used to form the shaped lenses. Hoya teach molding processes. Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to include the steps of molding, cutting, and grooving as such steps would be obvious, if not inherent, in view of the teachings of Paul et al. and Hoya since molding and cutting are well known manufacturing techniques.

Conclusion

All claims are drawn to the same invention claimed in the application prior to the entry of the submission under 37 CFR 1.114 and could have been finally rejected on the grounds and art of record in the next Office action if they had been entered in the application prior to entry under 37 CFR 1.114. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL** even though it is a first action after the filing of a request for continued examination and the submission under 37 CFR 1.114. See MPEP § 706.07(b). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within

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TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to William H. Matthews (Howie) whose telephone number is 571-272-4753. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 10-6:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David J. Isabella can be reached on 571-272-4749. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Primary Examiner
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